

BRIEFING SHEET

OSC: Gary Moore

SITE NAME: Falcon Refinery

LOCATION: Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas

BACKGROUND:

- The Site was proposed to the NPL on February 5, 2002.
- The Site is an abandoned petroleum refinery that produced naptha, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel, and fuel oil.
- The facility has operated intermittently since 1980 and is currently inactive as a refinery although several tanks have been leased to crude oil operators for oil storage.
- The facility occupies approximately 104 acres and consists of 33 + aboveground storage tanks, and an API separator, dock facilities, as well as extensive refinery piping and equipment.
- The refinery is bordered by wetlands to the northeast and southeast, residential areas to the north, northwest and southwest, an abandoned refinery to the northwest, and also a construction company to the southwest.
- The current owner of the facility, National Oil Recovery Corporation (NORCO), has never operated the facility. NORCO was formed to foreclose on the property in 1990 to protect financial interests. Since foreclosing on the facility, NORCO has leased portions of the facility for storage activities.

THREATS:

- The facility is abandoned and deteriorating and hazardous substances located within the tanks, piping, and equipment. This material may be released onto the surface soils and nearby wetlands as a result of equipment deterioration, vandalism, or fire and result in exposures to the nearby residents, trespassers, and the environment.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND COSTS

- The proposed actions are intended to address the source materials in tanks, piping, equipment and miscellaneous containers throughout the facility as well as the removal of grossly contaminated soils.
- The current owner of the facility, NORCO, indicated on October 3, 2002 that they were interested in conducting the removal action as well as conducting the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) as an Alternative Site Cleanup rather than listing the site on the NPL.

ENFORCEMENT STATUS

- The EPA has issued General Notice Letters to PRPs for this removal action as well as the remedial activities necessary to address this site.
- The EPA has a draft AOC prepared to be submitted to NORCO to begin the negotiations to address the source materials located on the facility.
- The EPA has submitted NORCO a copy of the Remedial AOC and is in the process of negotiations with NORCO to conduct the RI/FS.